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EQUIPMENT PLATFORMS £85-£235

It's important that what you stand your audio equipment on both looks and sounds good, as **Neville Roberts** discovers

Avid HiFi Avid Platform

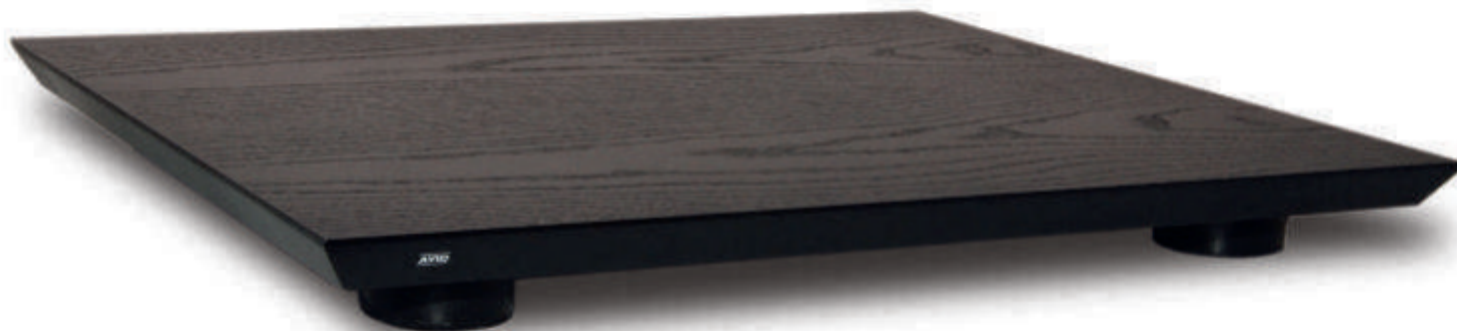
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THE RATIONALE BEHIND the design of the Platform is to ensure that, in the case of a record deck, 100 percent of the vibrations that you want are converted to an electrical signal while all the unwanted ones are eliminated. These benefits are just not restricted to turntables, though – they can also be achieved with CD players, pre-amplifiers and valve-based products.

The Platform is made from a special wooden plinth, supported on four feet made from a variant of sorbothane – Avid has pioneered a new variant compound, which it considers to have the most impressive vibration absorbing material encountered.

Available in two finishes; black ash or maple, the Platform is very well made and measures 450 x 40 x 385mm (WxHxD). When I place it

under various pieces of my audio equipment I find that there are definite sonic benefits to be had. When placed under my valve CD player, for example, there is an improvement in clarity as well as more accurate instrument placement within the sound stage. With my record deck I further note a general tightening up of the bass, which has both more punch and attack.



VERDICT

A beautifully finished equipment support that results in significant sonic benefits

